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Katholos leads all stars

Sydney City, surprisingly, has only one player — John Kosmina — among the "Soccer Action" all-stars at the half-way mark of the PSL season.

Perhaps it's not so surprising, for in a good team like Sydney City all the players take votes from each other.

The all-star ratings are according to our best player voting.

Adelaide City, which has been near the foot of the table all year, heads the list with four players — Bobby Russell, Neil Banfield, Buggy Nyskohus and Brian Northcote.

Teams with three players included are: Sydney Olympic, St George Budapest, West Adelaide Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander, Brisbane Lions and Wollongong.

Marconi-Datsun is the only club not represented.

Sydney Olympic's elegant midfielder Peter Katholos led our voting at the half-way mark, with 56 points not count-

ting those he polled last weekend.

Equal second were Zoran Ilioski of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Peter Stone of St George Budapest, with 43 each.

The best players in all positions, according to "Soccer Action" votes at the half-way mark of the PSL season:

GOALKEEPERS 19. Michael Fraser (St George), Natch Vardareff (Wollongong).

18. Phil Dando (Newcastle), Nigel Lowades (Brisbane Lions).

RIGHT BACKS

24. Bobby Russell (Adelaide City).

21. Arthur McMillan (Heidelberg), Angelo Ambrosino (Canberra).

SWEEPERS

42. Neil McGachey (West Adelaide).

28. Terry Byrne (Canberra), 26. John Yzendoorn (Heidelberg), Neil Banfield (Adelaide City).

STOPPERS

38. Robbie Dunn (West Adelaide).

31. Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions), Arno Bertogna (Wollongong).

LEFT BACKS

22. Alan Niven (Brisbane Lions).

19. Buggy Nyskohus (Adelaide City), Howard Tredinnick (Newcastle).

MIDFIELDERS (1)

43. Peter Stone (St George), 34. Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide).

26. Lee Adam (Wollongong).

PSL All-star team, according to "Soccer Action" votes at the half-way mark of the season:

Mika FRASER
 (St George)

Bobby RUSSELL
 (Adel.C)

Neil McGACHEY
 (West Ad)

Robbie DUNN
 (West Ad)

Alan NIVEN
 (Bris Lions)

Peter STONE
 (St Geo)

Zoran ILIOSKI
 (Footscray J.U.S.T.)

Peter KATHOLOS
 (Syd. Olymp.)

Jim REDFERN
 (Syd Olymp.)

Des MARTON
 (St Geo)

Brian NORTHCOTE
 (Adel.C)



Peter Katholos (left) in action for Australia against Fiji.

Kaiser quits

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BONN, — As soccer fans set their sights on the World Cup in Spain, Franz Beckenbauer, one of the greatest players to grace the tournament, bids farewell to his playing days.

Thousands will throng Hamburg's Volkspark Stadium today (Wednesday) to see him play his testimonial match with Hamburg against the West German National team.

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man who earned a fortune through his physical and mental gifts of control and coordination, he is donating the proceeds — about one million marks (423,000 Aust) — to a charity he founded for the handicapped.

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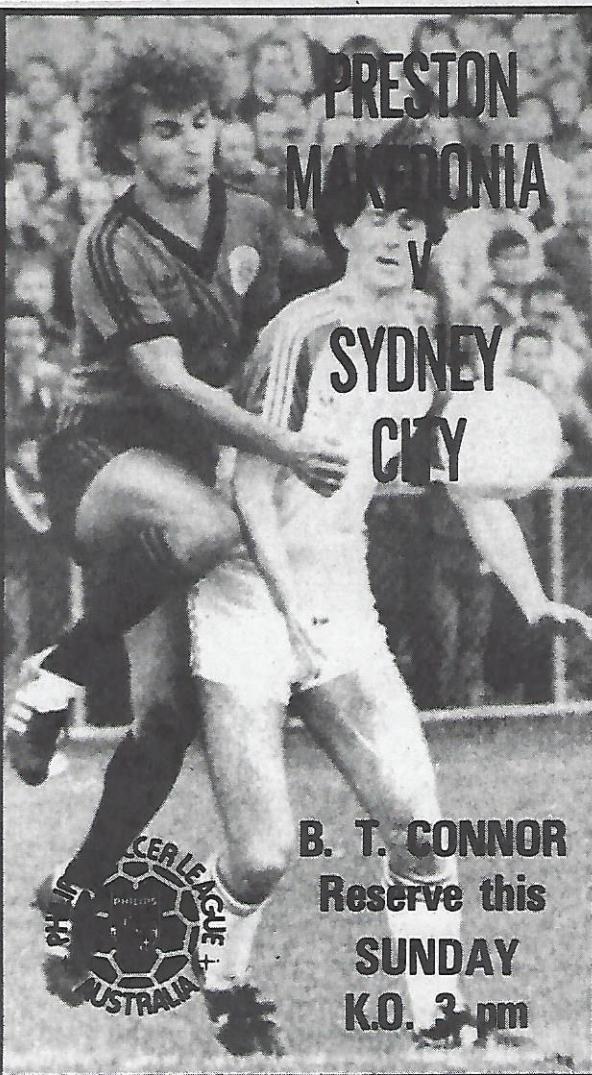
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Jim Campbell — "He could play in any league in the world."



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Twelve years with five clubs, 35 games for Australia, 22 games for Victoria and eight games for NSW make Jack Reilly better qualified than most to talk about the problems of Australian soccer.

And Reilly, 38, never has been reticent in doing so.

He can speak with authority about administration because he has a top executive job in finance. He has coached Heidelberg-Alexander and has served under some of the leading coaches in the country so he is well-equipped also to talk about the "merry-go-round brigade."

In fact, there probably isn't one facet of soccer in which Jack Reilly has not had experience — and that includes the World Cup finals, in which he participated for Australia in 1974.

Reilly is No. 2 goalkeeper at Heidelberg to young Jeff Oliver, whom he coaches. He started with Hibernian in Scotland and came to Australia in 1969 after a short stint with the Washington Whips in the U.S.

In his first full season with Juventus, the club won the 1970 Victorian State League championship, Dockerty Cup and State League Cup.

He followed his Victorian State coach, Raleasic, to St. George Budapest in 1971 and made his debut for the NSW State side against Moscow Dynamo even before he had played his first game for the Saints.

Reilly joined Hakoah on his return to Melbourne and in 1976 he was player-coach of Heidelberg in the State League. Then came stints with South Melbourne Hellas and Juventus before he rejoined Heidelberg.

Reilly pulls no punches in pinpointing the ills of Australian soccer in this interview with Laurie Schwab:

SCHWAB: From your experience with Heidelberg and Hellas, what are the problems faced by most Philippsburg League clubs?

REILLY: Before they kick a ball, they will be up for a \$40,000 affiliation fee after it is increased next year to make up for the lack of a major sponsor. In addition, most clubs pay signing-on fees totalling between \$55,000 and \$80,000 before wages. General expenses per player are on top, including total outgoings of between \$20,000 and \$32,000 per club. A goal keeper is about \$4000 or \$16,000 — but only one or two clubs command that. Obviously, the average probably is between 2000 and 3000, or in money terms, between \$8000 and \$12,000. You multiply that by 15, which is the number of home gates, and you don't come out with enough to cover expenses. That means clubs have to cut expenses to be financially feasible, for they are unable to increase revenue, and the first thing that must go is the signing-on fees paid to players. These fees make players too comfortable. They are getting money regardless of performance. Instead, they should be paid directly for games over the period of their contracts, perhaps with bonuses on top should gates up sufficiently to warrant it. That immediately would eliminate at least \$60,000 per club, which probably would more than cover any deficit incurred in a season. This is the only way to know of that pays players before they kick a ball. That's one. If there's been a transfer and the player receives a percentage of the transfer fee, but to pay it to all players is absolutely ridiculous.

SCHWAB: Regionalisation of the PSL would seem to be the ideal way to cut expenses.

REILLY: We don't know exactly the exact figures; air fares for the league would be in the region of \$200,000 at the moment, and that sort of money can't be obtained through the gates. Regionalisation would cut the figure considerably and thus give the clubs another big saving. I don't accept the argument that regionalisation would reduce the overall effectiveness of the competition. We'd have national play-offs and we'd get better gates because local clubs would play each other more often, and the rock-bottom gates you get against, say, the Brisbane teams, would be eliminated.

SCHWAB: Of course it also would build up the new



Zoran Ilioski — "Could be anything in Australian soccer."



Ted de Lyster — "The game can't afford to lose men like him."

SCHWAB: Administrators are well aware of all the problems. Why haven't they been doing anything positive to solve them?

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SCHWAB: Getting back to regionalisation, the argument against it is that the State Federations would want to have control of the regions and the PSL bosses are not willing to hand over responsibility.

REILLY: If the PSL administration thinks it would abdicate power in that situation, it is being short-sighted. If State Federations were to administer the regions, then all the clubs would put up candidates for election to the Federations and because of their strength, they would succeed. With delegates at State and ASF level, the top clubs actually would have greater power than they have now.

SCHWAB: Has the power battle between the Federations and the PSL harmed soccer?

REILLY: Since the formation of the PSL, the standard of soccer in Australia has improved greatly. That improvement, more than anything, has created the pettiness that now exists. It is nothing more than jealousy and if the same amount of time that goes into bickering over ridiculous issues were to be put into fruitful discussions between all power groups about the future of the game, we would be much further forward.

JACK REILLY HITS OUT ON THE ILLS OF SOCCER

clubs coming into the regionalised competition. Their gates would go up immediately, wouldn't they?

REILLY: Sure. At the moment all the money is going to the PSL clubs and there is little distribution down the ranks. PSL clubs are paying big money to coaches and players and the "little brothers" down the way can't compete in any way, shape or form. Look at the recent blaze of publicity given to the \$1000 a week allegedly being paid to Tommy Docherty by South Melbourne Hellas. The game in this country can't afford that situation. I say that without passing comment on the ability of Docherty nor what he can give to Australian soccer. However, if you spent the \$1000 a week on keeping 10 good ex-players in the game to pass on their knowledge to juniors and to help establish club tradition, I would be far more positive. At the moment, clubs are losing such ex-players. In fact, the percentage lost is quite tragic and lack of club tradition is a direct recruit. Men who have left the game and still should be active in it include Frank Micic, Tommy Stankovic and Marko Fode of I.U.S.T., Manfred Schaefer of St. George and Ray Richards of Marconi. And what about Nick Pantelis and Ted de Lyster in Adelaide? Can't clubs set up a junior coaching network in which such great players are paid perhaps \$100 a week instead of spending all the money on someone to take their place?

SCHWAB: What is the long-term effect of all resources being concentrated on the PSL? Doesn't it mean a continuing downhill slide for the lower leagues?

REILLY: There's nothing wrong with having a powerful, elite group of clubs providing soccer is structured in such a way that the strong clubs create a pool of money which will go to the lower leagues. One way of doing so is to buy players from those lower leagues, but at the moment the transfer fees are so high. They have to be regulated in some way and the game must rise above underhanded methods of getting around transfer fee limits. These are nothing more than the facts of soccer life.

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National coach Raleasic and ASF president Sir Arthur George meet the then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam before the split that led to a period of national team instability. Jack Reilly talks about the ASF administration under Sir Arthur.

SCHWAB: What then, is the ideal administrative set-up for Australia?

REILLY: The future would best be served by the one administration. All we need is the ASF and the State Federations. As it stands, soccer, like Australia in general, has too many governments.

SCHWAB: How effective has the ASF administration been under its powerful president, Sir Arthur George?

REILLY: I feel there must be a weakness in an administration that sacks its most successful management and then supports to the hilt a succession of failures. In any business — and soccer falls into that category — if the management and staff of an enterprise fail, the board of directors would be responsible and certainly, in any business situation, no board of directors could explain plausibly what has been allowed to exist in Australian soccer over the past eight years. For the future of the game here, I am positive that Australia is better off for the World Cup finals. In the regions in which we are located, there is absolutely no excuse for not doing so. We have the players, they just need to be motivated in the necessary way. Raleasic was the most successful coach we have had at national level yet he was forced out. There were varying views about his methods but there was not one player in his 18-man squad who would not have given his last ounce of blood for the man and the green and gold jumper. I don't think the same situation has prevailed since. And let's be clear about one thing: the number of household names we have among the younger brigade at the moment are direct products of Australia's participation in the 1974 World Cup finals.

SCHWAB: As far as the national team is concerned, where do we stand now?

REILLY: At the crossroads. We have to get back into the international limelight and it appears the administration believes it too. We have to have faith in the product we have available. Les Scheinflug has been appointed coach and for everyone's sake, let's hope he can get the necessary co-operation and success. Had he not got the job, then we would have had several others admirably suited to prepare Australia for the 1986 World Cup — Raleasic, Len McKendry, Alan Vest, Frank Arrok. All have the necessary qualities.

SCHWAB: What are Scheinflug's positive qualities?

REILLY: His belief in himself, his strong personality, diplomacy, will to win and willingness to listen. He would be well served if he accepts early in the piece that he requires the assistance of a couple of technicians. If he does we'll be well on the way to success.

SCHWAB: While on the subject of other coaches, can you pinpoint some of the best of the "new breed", some of those who haven't been doing the rounds over the years?

REILLY: Bill Murray, with the assistance this year of Keith Webster, has been doing a great job with Box Hill in the Victorian First Division. He is a group of young players that hopefully prove themselves and he's passed on his beliefs to them very effectively. Here we see absolute proof that if you put the work in, you get the benefits not only on the field but also financially, and already several of his young players are attracting PSL interest — Valentine, Patterson and Roodhouse, for example.



Canberra's Tony Brennan — "He's got it all."



Jack Reilly (standing, far right), with the Heidelberg team he coached in 1976: from left, standing: Mike Glykakalos, Peter Blasby, George Gillan, Gary Cole, John Taylor, Pat Bannon, Alex Nelson, Reilly; front: George Gibson, Ian Millar, Keith Webster, Andrew Bozikas, Vince Bannon, Nick Rakovalis.

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Glasgow Rangers striker Colin Stein (right) about to chest down the ball and shoot as Jack Reilly prepares to smother. The Scots thumped Victoria 5-1.



Moreland youngster Peter Constantine (top) — can he go all the way? Fawkner's Tony Schipano (middle left); Box Hill coach Bill Murray (above left) — one of the new crop of talented coaches; Manfred Schaefer (above right) — why is he no longer in the game?

ple. I also can mention Tommy Randell of Frankston Pines. He's not in the same mould as Murray, as he's not working with as many young players, but he has been putting a successful team on to the field for quite a few years now and he's created atmosphere at his club. Often it does a coach a lot of good to step down a couple of divisions, after having experienced the various problems at the top. Duncan McKay who coaches Hellas now has put together a mobile young team at Moreland and Cedo Cirkovic who was with J.U.S.T. for so long, is making sure at Fawkner that his new club avoids the problems he saw at top level. John Gardiner, (Ajax), Peter Ollerton (Makedonia), Ray Pocock (Sunshine), Jimmy Rooney (Heidelberg) and Pat Bannon (Juventus) look like they can become excellent coaches very quickly but most still are involved in playing at the moment. Jim Armstrong has had a tremendous impact on junior coaching at Juventus and in the schools. Hugh Murney and John Kennedy also coach in schools.

SCHWAB: Do you think the Rothmans National Coaching Scheme is successful?

REILLY: In NSW it has been going particularly well, because that's where Eric Worthington spends most of his time. But the scheme fails slightly in the lower leagues, mainly because the coaches are not necessarily equipped with enough knowledge. Once a coach has reached senior level, he shouldn't spend his time on elementary facets of the game. It is his right to believe that his players are equipped with the necessary skills and know-how.

SCHWAB: All over the world, the Press means that soccer is losing its entertainment value and that there must be a new attitude by presently defensive-minded coaches and the clubs that employ them. Is this possible in light of the fierce competitiveness of the sport?

REILLY: It's really a Catch 22 situation. The game as it exists demands results because club administrations cannot escape supplier pressure. Short-term results are essential to them. Coaches only can look at the material they have available and put on to the field a team to play a brand of soccer which hopefully will achieve results. That, unfortunately, does not always mean entertainment. Let's look at an overseas situation, though. My favorite club, Liverpool, had a bad spell at the beginning of the season and didn't really come out of it until about the 14th game but nobody, including supporters, was particularly worried because they believed in the club and that everything would come right provided that it continued with its inherent principles which have been there for 20 years. Even when Liverpool was sixth-bottom, Anfield was packed, and when the team became the best in the individual, or the top 10 in total, that you will get such attachment and loyalty. But getting back to the entertainment aspect, let's apply it to the PSL. Here you find so many teams packing their midfield with four players. I ask why? I also ask who do you pack it against? We simply do not have the midfielders in Australia who can dominate games, so what's the point of them trying to counteract each other like that? Play with wingers, go at opponents. That would be the most logical and the most entertaining way.

SCHWAB: It's interesting that you mentioned Liverpool's early-season problems. We have a parallel right here — South Melbourne Hellas — but Hellas didn't have the patience of Liverpool.

REILLY: Because, over the years, Hellas has become accustomed to success, it can accept nothing less and once again it's been forced into sensationalising to appease its supporters. And

that goes directly against everything I'm talking about. It can lead only to further problems for the game. What does Hellas do when Docherty leaves? Who does the club employ then? What will it cost Hellas for a replacement? The scene has been set. Are the proven runners — Vest, Rasic, Wallace, Collins, Cirkovic, Thomson — 50% inferior to Docherty, as suggested by their relative wages? In an environment in which clubs are looking to reduce their expenses, Hellas has set a scenario for further increases.

SCHWAB: Hellas seems a club with a death wish. Before the PSL kicked off in 1977, it forced out the nucleus of its all-conquering team — Armstrong, Walker, Mackay, Bourne — allegedly because they were too old. Later they sacked you, then it was Peter Ollerton, and now out goes John Margaritis. It seems to me that if the 1976 team had been retained and changes made slowly, according to need, Hellas would have carried its State League success over into the PSL immediately.

REILLY: It always has been my unshakable belief that Hellas can and should be the greatest club in this country. I never can forget the day I was sacked by the club which, at the time, backed the then coach, Dave McLaren 100% after McLaren had said I was too old. Mind you, I had become "too old" overnight, very suddenly, even though I'd been No. 1 goalkeeper for the past seven weeks and in five of those games I had been the best player in the side, according to the polls. It seemed very strange to me. It also showed a grave weakness in the club for two weeks later, I also showed a grave weakness in the club for two weeks later, McLaren was forced out.

SCHWAB: In view of all that turbulence, what would be your advice to the Hellas administration?

REILLY: I have a great deal of respect for the club's president, Sam Papasavas, both as an administrator and as a man but Sam must realise that the future of the game cannot be served by short-term sensationalism. There must be far greater depth and that can be achieved only through long-term planning.

SCHWAB: Having watched most of the players in the PSL and in lower leagues over many years, could you pinpoint some of the more or less undiscovered talents?

REILLY: Zoran Iloski and Zdravko Lujic of J.U.S.T. could be anything in Australian soccer. So could Craig Lowe of Brisbane Lions. Doug Brown of Makedonia will do a lot more yet, and Graham Honeyman of West Adelaide is one of the most underrated players in Australia. One guy who has taken more criticism than anyone is Sydney City's John Kosmina, who would be one of the best Australia has produced — and he's proving it now that he has David Mitchell assigned him to take some of the pressure off. Tony Schipano of Heidelberg has the potential to be a top defender Australia has produced, and Jeff Oller of Heidelberg, only 21, has everything he needs to be a better goalkeeper than Yuki Banovic ever was. Jimmy Campbell of Heidelberg has matured to such an extent that he could play in any league in the world, and I also like Sergio Melta of Adelaide City. Marshall Soper of APIA, for a boy in his first full year in the PSL, continues to battle as if his life depended on it and despite the many goals he has scored, success has not swollen his head at all. Three of the Heidelberg players came out of the game against APIA really knowing they'd been in it, just because of Soper. George Christopoulos of Canberra almost wasted a whole year during which he should have been learning more than ever. But he is the nearest I've seen to a Duncan Edwards-type midfielder. He's stronger on the ground and in the air, he has two good feet and for a young man he has good knowledge of the game.

Tony Brennan, also of Canberra, may be a bit inconsistent but when he's firing, he's got it all. Talk about inconsistency, though, and I must say it's a big problem for all teams. If this were horse-racing, half the teams in the league would be swabbed every other week. In the lower leagues, I must mention Dave Brogan of Melbourne Croatia. We can also throw in guys like Tony Schipano (Fawkner), Ossie Latif (Croatia) and Peter Constantine (Moreland), as well as a host of other hopefuls with the skill, the ability, and a growing name in the game. However, at the moment, you'll get two good games from them in four weeks. It comes down to a matter of experience, but more important, attitude.

SCHWAB: If the PSL teams are inconsistent, how is the general standard of play compared with that of previous years?

REILLY: The general standard has fallen away a bit. The top sides are a little inferior than previously and as I see it, there is a direct correlation between that and a shortage of new blood in the league. There are too many comfortable players. You'd have to be brave to predict who will win the league. Heidelberg still is my choice, though. I don't think that in the second half of the season we'll lose the stupid points we lost in the first half. Heidelberg has beaten every team above us, except Olympic but it's been abysmal performances against inferior teams that cost us dearly.

SCHWAB: If you were to coach a PSL side, what would be your approach to the job?

REILLY: I wouldn't be interested at all in getting involved only in coaching. It would have to go hand in hand with administration. Certainly, I would coach the team but I also would be very much involved in how the club is run, because it's probably the most important not only to this week and next, but to the next two, five and even 10 years. We have to look at ways of producing young players who will be PSL material. What is involved is a lot of planning, most probably a few reversals on the way. It would be a matter of believing that the plan set down can and will be successful.

SCHWAB: You were player-coach of Heidelberg in 1976 — in fact you brought Gary Cola to the club. What did that year of coaching teach you?

REILLY: It taught me much about the loyalty — in inverted commas — of players in this country. It taught me also that in Australia we have a great deal of player power. Players can exert influence on committee members and get their own way — even to the extent of getting a coach sacked.



Victoria's Soccer contingent in the 1974 World Cup finals, from left: Jack Reilly, Jimmy Milišević, Jimmy Mackay, Peter Ollerton, Branko Buljević and national team manager John Barclay.

SCHWAB: Is that what happened to you?

REILLY: No, I decided it was no good to play and coach at the same time. But getting back to what I was saying, the game can prosper only if we achieve the same sort of situation that exists at Liverpool, for example. If Kenny Dalglish complained to a member of the board that P Paisley was a bad coach, Dalglish would be out the door the next day.

SCHWAB: How long should a coach's tenure be?

REILLY: I often have said that coaches here are the sacrificial lambs. They are the ones who always are blamed for bad results — nobody else. And when a club starts going bad, the first to complain are the players. They start making excuses, they slip into the frightened rats syndrome, covering their tracks any way they can. Because the administration is not strong enough to stand up to their manipulation, the coach is the first to go. The VFL and English and European soccer demonstrate that it is possible to give coaches extended tenure.

SCHWAB: What are your views on junior soccer?

REILLY: At the moment we have well-meaning coaches who give up their time for no reward. I would try as hard as possible to get good junior coaches, qualified ones, players at the end of their careers who have studied the game — not necessarily for mainly as one of the greatest coaches, Bill Shankly, never did a coaching course. I would want people who are vitally involved and who have picked the brains of the experts they've been around. I, for example, feel deeply indebted to Rafe Basic, Jim Shouler and Len McKenry not only for the honor of playing under them but for the manner in which they freely passed on their knowledge.

SCHWAB: As a guide to those many well-meaning amateurs, how should they go about coaching a junior team?

REILLY: Juniors first and foremost must learn and develop the skills of the game — and these must be practiced. Coaches should send the kids out on the park specifically to demonstrate the skills they are learning. It's important that the kids be delighted by the skills don't come off. The emphasis never should be only on the result of the game. Later, in the 12-15 age group, they can get more deeply into team work and it goes without saying that a group of boys with the necessary skill will knit together more easily as a team. By the time they reach 15, you start instilling into them the pride involved in being part of a club situation.

SCHWAB: Many junior coaches, with a squad of say, 20, will pick their best 11 and use them, while the others are left out in the cold, with little to do apart from training.

REILLY: There's nothing worse for a kid to have to practice two or three nights a week and not get the opportunity to show his skills and brush them up in a match. Every boy, regardless of talent or lack of it, should be given a minimum number of matches each year.

SCHWAB: Should junior coaches concentrate as heavily on positional play?

REILLY: You shouldn't start too early. You should get as much versatility out of a player as you possibly can, which means you have to let him play in every position on the field — including goalkeeper. Eventually you reach the age when one skill or another makes you more suitable to a particular position, and that's the time to specialize.

SCHWAB: Aren't you appalled about how junior players are treated from the sidelines?

REILLY: The most important thing is that kids should enjoy their game. One of the greatest problems in sport is trying to motivate players at the highest level. They start playing the game out of choice, they come to like it, they grow to love it, they develop the right skills and attitude to get compensation from the sport but then, at the pinnacle, clubs suddenly find it necessary to bring in all sorts of experts to motivate and psyche up players because they've lost their spark. Do we want to start that process in the under 10 age group by yelling and abusing them right out of the sport? Yes, we do it, because kids are put into an over-competitive environment at much too young an age.



Tommy Docherty — his appointment is "short-term sensationalism."



Graham Honeyman — "One of the most under-rated players in the land."



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Too much talent for Hellas...



Mike Johnson

When can too many good players in a club pose as many problems as when there are too few?

The answer is when it is South Melbourne Hellas.

Although there obviously

have been other factors playing a part in the decline of Hellas' this season, one of them was the difficult selection problems faced by coach John Margaritis because of the availability of so many players.

Margaritis was not able to find the proper team balance

into which to fit these talented players.

Typical was the need some- how to find a place in the team for latecomer Steve Blair.

It is possible, with hindsight, for Margaritis to say to himself that he should have been more ruthless and allowed Blair to be understood to David Jones, until such times

as Jones' form caused him to be dropped — which might not have been this season.

I rate Jones every bit as good as Steve Blair.

They are both excellent players but their styles are too similar to play in the centre of the defence together.

One of them needs a covering defender.

That being the case and with Jones the man in possession, because Blair had sought to try out overseas, Jones possibly should have kept the stopper position.

Of course that is easy to say from a distance.

It does not take into account the enormous pressure put to bear on coach Margaritis just having Blair sitting idle.

The pressure is actual and imagined — actual from spectators, committee and the Press, imagined by the coach who sometimes can increase it by pondering at length on the problem.

This pressure grows with each loss.

After a loss there is a tendency to seek change.

So it was with Blair, first, brought into the unaccustomed position of full back, then in at centre back then, fully displacing a despondent David Jones.

This and other changes within what continued to be a losing team, obviously began to sap the confidence of even the most stable and hardened professionals like John Evans and captain Alan Evans.

However, there is an amazing amount of circumstances which produced this situation.

It cannot be all heaped onto coach Margaritis.

He did not suddenly lose all sense of direction or purpose.

He still has the same ability with which he took the team into second place last year.

He could not have forecast the fiasco that turned out to be

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In recent weeks, when City struggled with injuries, it used the depth in the squad to keep it afloat in the title race and did not have to go after short term buys who would pose problems later.

It's a pity that David Mitchell to replace injured Ken Boden, but it had been angling for Mitchell for some time.

Can help City win the title again this year.

The reason he signed for Sydney City I am sure is because he wants to win something in Australia and that he chose Sydney City despite the attractions of other clubs is rather significant.

South Melbourne Hellas, like its cousin in Sydney, Sydney Olympic, has the great good fortune of having the stands of sun-loving Greek supporters willing them to a championship.

The Hellas management has, at the same time, to cope with the very volatile nature of these supporters, a nature that runs hot then cold, from high optimism to deep pessimism, often depending on the result of one game.

The management people themselves, of course are subject to the same volatile Greek temperament.

Grant Turner and Steve Woodin, players who on the face of it would make the difference this year in winning the title.

The integration of new players into a team takes time. It also causes dissatisfaction among those who are displaced.

In the case of Jones, Turner and Woodin, the result weighed much more toward dissatisfaction than toward ultimate benefit.

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This temperament is reflected in the wide-ranging results in the Philips League of the Greek-supported clubs, South Melbourne, West Adelaide and Sydney Olympic.

All of them have swung wildly from one end of the championship table to the other.

All of them have been in a position which justified relegation, while all of them have been contenders for a league title with West Adelaide even accomplishing that.

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He oozed "presence" with his manner, authority and skill and his manner alone.

Hermann has a very able ally in the centre of the defence in Liddell, a tall commanding player who is very good in the air.

Liddell won most of the heading duels with Wilkinson, the tall St George striker.

No doubt Saftich will be looking to this date to tighten his leaky defence which has conceded so many goals, especially away from home.

The Brisbane City players must be terrible travellers.

Their goalscoring record away from home is 21 goals against and only one for at

May 25.

This is abysmal.

It is possible that new travelling arrangements will need to be made to change this.

A couple of new players, especially a striker, may be all that City needs to make the difference between winning and losing.

On the evidence of the game against St George in Sydney, Brisbane City is ready to start picking up more than travel sickness on its jaunts south.

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Kilkelly v. Henderson as Italians square up

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Tom Kilkelly, a sweeper who started his career in Eire with Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton is charged with the responsibility of keeping APIA at the top of the ladder at the stronghold of its fierce rival, Marconi, on Sunday.

Kilkelly, 26, partnered Brady and Stapleton in the Eire youth team, and lately has been starring with East London in South Africa.

Marconi star Tony Henderson, who will confront Kilkelly if Henderson gets forward the way he loves to, also played for East London before coming to Australia in 1977.

Kilkelly also was with Leicester City but failed to hit any heights there.

Marconi hit an all-time low against Brisbane City last Sunday, but at home against its old rival, Marconi is sure to produce a lot more.

These matches are so keenly fought that it is difficult to predict a winner, the most likely result is a draw.

Channel 0/28 will show the game from 11.15 pm on Sunday night.

Sydney City Hakoah comes to Melbourne determined to end Preston-Makedonia's unbeaten home record.

It won't be easy, however. Although Makedonia suffered a humiliating 5-1 defeat by West Adelaide last Sunday, it has the attacking strength to beat Sydney Olympic, providing its defense tightens up.

No-one expected Makedonia to beat Sydney Olympic, but it did so — 4-1.

Realistically, though, Sydney City appears to have too many guns.

John Kosmina, David Mitchell, Joe Watson, Jim Patikas, Neil Borges and Willis Murray all are capable of scoring goals. So too is Murray Barnes and maybe, just maybe, Barnes finally will come back this week.

Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton said a few weeks ago that if things did not go well with his team, the club may move into the transfer market.

Will it do so now?

Heidelberg-Alexander would have been only a point from the top had it not dropped a point in each of its past two matches. It gets the chance to atone for the lapses against Canberra at the Olympic Village ground.

Canberra's recent results have been bitterly disappointing to its fans, as evidenced by the meagre crowd of 1400 that turned up for the loss to St. George at Bruce Stadium.

If Canberra doesn't come good again quickly, it will continue to struggle to attract fans, and no-one knows it better than coach George Murray.

He'll be laying it on the line to his players this week, but his opposite number Len McKendry has even more reason to demand success. Heidelberg also could use a few more supporters, and what better way of attracting them than by moving up to challenge the leaders?

Luckily Gary Cole and Jim Campbell are scoring goals. Jamie Patikas is coming back into goalscoring form as well — and these three will have to be at their best if his defence continues to be beaten the way it has been recently.

South Melbourne Hellas will have Billy Rogers back from suspension for its match against the remarkable Wollongong in Wollongong. Carl Holford, who didn't play because of a knee injury last week, also will be in contention for his first match since his transfer from Frankston City.

Aron Bertogna is playing magnificently, so much so that neither Sydney Olympic nor Sydney City could manage to beat Wollongong.

Bertogna will give Charlie Egan a worrying afternoon, and the Hellas defence will be at full stretch to stop Phil O'Connor and Peter Tredinnick.

Footscray J.U.S.T. has lost only two games out of its last 10 — an excellent record and one which belies the club's early-season reputation as a possible relegation candidate.

This week, under Milenko Ruzmir who has returned as coach, J.U.S.T. tackles high-flying St. George Budapest which is only a point off the leaders.

In youth talent, J.U.S.T.'s players can match those of St. George. Indeed, they drew their previous encounter in the first round of the season.

But the J.U.S.T. players are notoriously bad travellers. If anything is to let them down, then that's it.

West Adelaide Hellas has surpassed all expectations under coach Alan Vest. Even the new players coming into the team — Steve Atsats is the prime example — are getting into the winning rhythm and Wests are winning not only at home, also away.

They face one of their longest trips for the game against Brisbane Lions and they'll probably try to play on the break and concentrate on beating the relatively inexperienced Lions midfield.

To be fair, coach Joe Gilroy has been trying hard to solve the midfield problem. The effectiveness of his efforts will be tested by Graham Honeyman and Co.

While the two Italian giants battle it out in Sydney, another all-Italian derby will take place in Adelaide, where Adelaide City Juventus tangles with improving Brisbane City.

City will rely heavily on defenders Jim Hermiston, Frank Liddell and Steve Perry, and after last week's win against Marconi, the Queenslanders look capable of returning home with at least one point.

Sydney Olympic gets its chance to break its run of outs against Newcastle KB United at Pratten Park.

Liverpool star Craig Johnston arrives for his guest stint with Newcastle tomorrow (Thursday) and will prove a worry to Olympic if he plays.

Olympic however, is a more talented side overall.

Mark Koussas and Jim Redfern can do much better than they did against South Melbourne Hellas last week. It all depends on whether they can motivate themselves more.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN SYDNEY
St. George Budapest v. Footscray JUST (draw) at St. George Stadium.

Marconi-Datsun v. APIA-Liechhardt (draw) at Marconi Stadium.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Newcastle KB United at Pratten Park.

IN MELBOURNE
Preston-Makedonia v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Connor Reserve.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER v. Canberra City at Olympic Village.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane Lions v. West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Richlands.

IN ADELAIDE
Adelaide City Juventus v. Brisbane City (draw) at Olympic Sports Field.

IN WOLLONGONG
Brisbane Lions v. West Adelaide Hellas (draw) at Richlands.

IN PERTH
Perth City v. West Australian United (draw) at Perth Oval.

IN MELBOURNE
Brisbane City v. West Australian United (draw) at Olympic Sports Field.

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No mercy for Dennis Boland

Foots JUST 2
Adelaide C 2

Scorers: 1-0 Belic 13m, 1-1
Russell 41m, 2-2 Melts 75m.

Ground: Schineller Reserve.

Crowd: 2500 estimate.

Cautions: Milne, Russell, B.

Nyskohus.

JUST: Celic 7, Hazzett 7,
O'Hanlon 7, Kondaros 10,
Kyriakoulos 8, Belic 9, Ilioski
7, Milne 8, Lujic 7, Simic 7,
Ristovski 9.

ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson
7, Russell 9, Banfield 8,
Flounders 7, B. Nyskohus 7,
Melts 8, Marocchi 8, Norrie
cota 7, Marangoni 7 (Rankin
54th), J. Nyskohus 7, Villani 7.
Referee: Bambridge 7.

Dennis Boland, reportedly unhappy about being left out of the Footscray JUST team, was conspicuous by his absence from this entertaining draw at Schineller Reserve on Sunday.

The keeper was replaced by Milutin Celic and JUST manager Simon Turidua was blunt about the situation.

"We've got a keeper who is out of form and it's only natural that the best man gets the chance in goal."

"I couldn't care less how Dennis Boland looks like. He just has to take it," Turidua said.

New caretaker coach Milenko Rasmussen made a second change from the previous week — Paul Simic for Miljan Kojic but this one was out of necessity as Kojic was injured.

JUST took only 13 minutes to open the score and it was the steadily improving Njalo Belic who put the ball in the net.

Zoran Ilioski and Zdravko Lujic engineered the move, putting Belic into the clear on the left for a shot which Bobby Ferguson knew little about.

JUST had a strong wind advantage in the first half and it seemed an ominous sign that the visitors managed an equaliser four minutes before the break.

Full back Bobby Russell — Adelaide's best player — headed it home, meeting Sergio Melts' free kick from the right in a goalmouth melee.

But JUST rode the setback and continued to create the better chances in the second half.

Russell pulled off a spectacular goal line clearance with an overhead kick to stop a shot by Mendo Ristovski after an earlier shot by Belic had been blocked.

And then Ristovski hit the side netting with a shot under pressure before JUST regaled the lead in the 65th minute.

Jim Kondaros headed it home, rising above everybody to meet Ilioski's free kick with bullet-like header to once again prove that he is the un-

Kosmina the scorer, not Jim Patikas

John Kosmina of Sydney City has scored 11 goals since the beginning of the 1982 PSL season — not 10 as previously stated in the majority of the Press.

The dispute is that against Newcastle on April 18, Jim Patikas was credited with scoring two goals but in fact he only scored one and the second goal was scored by Kosmina, bringing his tally to 11 to date.

And now Johnston, Robertson

Newcastle 2
Heidelberg 2

Ground: International Sports Centre, Newcastle.

Crowd: 3452.

Cautions: Tensey (H) in

72nd minute.

Referee: Doug Rennie 8.

Scorers: Mason (H) 38th,

Cole (H) 67th, Campbell (H)

76th, Lowe (N) 78th.

NEWCASTLE KUB UNITED: Dando 7, Curran 7, Tredinnick 8, Sneddon 6, Drinkwater 7, Mason 7, Senakalaki 7, Hamilton 7, McClelland 7, Jones 34th, Stamp 6, Lowe 7.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7,

McMillan 7, Tensey 6, Yankos 8, MacLeod 6, Solemidis 6,

Taylor 7, Rooney 7, Belkars 7, Cole 8, Campbell 8.

Newcastle showed some signs of being on the recovery trail that could lift it away



Peter Desira

disputed king of the air in the

Kondaros was magnificent in the backline for JUST and hardly gave John Nyskohus a look in, so the goal was the icing on the cake in a 10-point performance.

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Glockner the new Kelso

Makedonia massacred by Wests

WA-Hellas 5
Makedonia 1

Scorers: WA: Heys 2, Brennan 1, Dunn, Atsalas, Mak; Lucchesi.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 2863.

Referee: Jim Rosic 7.

WA: H. HEYES, D. HELLAS:

Crook 8 — McKie 7, McGachey 8, Dunn 8, Totakas 7, Brennan 8 (Maricic 56th), McGregor 7, Atsalas 8 — Heys 10, Honeyman 8, Brown 8.

PRESTON: MAKEDONIA:

Potter 8 — Flavel 6, Miranda 8, Fox 7, Beech 6 — Ollerton 8, Boyle 8, Lucchesi 7, Little 6 (Ward 7 half time) — Brown 7, Cullen 7.

West Adelaide issued a sternistic challenge with a 5-1 thrashing of Preston Makedonia at Hindmarsh Stadium.

West Adelaide led 3-0 at the interval and increased their advantage in a second half marred by a torrential downpour.

The visibility was so poor during the second half that ground officials switched on the floodlights.

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which curled inside the right hand post.

Steve Atsalas put them three goals ahead in the 38th minute with a header from another Heys cross.

Preston reduced the deficit two minutes later after a rare mistake by Nick McGachey in the middle of the ground.

Claude Lucchesi ran through West Adelaide's defence and drove a ground shot past the advancing Cullen.

But West Adelaide had the final word when Heys sent over a cross from the left and the ball deceived Potter and trickled into the net.

Potter, who stopped three of four goals in the first half, was beaten in the final seconds of the match when Graham Honeyman slammed a 15 metre drive at him.

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Duncan McKay with Scotland for a game against Wales in Cardiff, October, 1960, from left, standing: McKay, Jimmy Gabriel, Lawrie Leslie, Eric Caldow, John Martin, David McKay, Front: George Hard, John White, Alec Young, Willie Hunter, Davie Wilson.



Duncan McKay at Celtic, 1960-61, from left, standing: Duncan McKay, Kennedy, Haffey (later Sydney City Hakoh), Creran, McNeill, Hughes. Front: Carroll, Chalmers, Peacock, Kelly, Mochan.

DENMARK BEATS BELGIUM

COPENHAGEN, World Cup finalists Belgium was beaten 1-0 by Denmark in a friendly international here.

Half-time 1-0. Scorer: Preben Elkjaer.

Attendance: 12,000
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Moreland's McKay stood tall among the greats of Scotland

"There's too many dumplings in the game here, that's what's wrong. Too many people in high places have too big an opinion of themselves. They think they know it all but they've never been anywhere and they've never done anything."

The words are courtesy of Duncan McKay, at present coaching Victorian First Division club Moreland.

McKay made 13 full international appearances for Scotland, five under-23 appearances as captain, played at right back for Glasgow Celtic, 100 international seasons and coached Essendon Croatia (now Melbourne Croatia), South Melbourne Hellas, Green Gully Ajax, Victoria, Azzuri Perth and Mitcham, before joining Moreland last November.

He's played against the great Real Madrid in front of 80,000 at Celtic's home ground, Parkhead, in Glasgow. Celtic lost 3-2 in that friendly but the fans didn't care. They stayed on the terraces after the match chanting and applauding a tremendous spectacle. The referee went into the Celtic dressing room and asked the players to come out onto the park and do a lap of honor. The players obliged. The fans were delirious.

Duncan McKay's no dummy. Not only has he been there and done it all but he also revolutionised fullback play in Scotland.

"Jim McGrory was the manager at Celtic when I broke into the first team in 1959. He wanted his fullbacks to play the long ball and keep it safe. If you played a one-two just outside your own area McGrory would have a heart attack."

"But I liked playing football, even at the back. And I had a natural instinct to go forward. When I joined Celtic it was as a midfielder. Jock Stein coached Celtic's reserves in those days and he was the man who played me at right back."

"My first senior game was against Clyde at Shawfield. I was up against Tommy Ring, a Scottish international left winger. I'm not the type of guy who gets excited about these things. I never got flustered. I just always used to look forward to my game. Anyway that day the players voted me the best fullback on the park which was a great thing for me."

"The Press can make or break you. If you play really well then there's not much the Press can do but most players hit a bad patch and that's when the Press can make or break your career."

"I was lucky. I always had the fans and the Press behind me. I suppose they liked my style. Soccer in Scotland in those days still was kick and rush stuff so it was novel to have a fullback who liked to attack and also was prepared to try and knock the ball about after being beaten."

The young McKay made his debut for Celtic and Scotland in the same year. He lined up at right for Scotland's 1-0 defeat by the austere enemy at Wembley.

South Melbourne Hellas coach Tommy Docherty was right half that day. He was with Arsenal at the time.

"Tommy took me out after the match. I was a young bloke then and we went to a night-club for a few drinks and to meet these girls. To tell the truth I'm not too sure where I ended up that night," said McKay.

"Scotland, in the early sixties had, man for man, as good a side as any country in the world. There was Dennis Law, Ian St John and Jim Baxter — players with great skill and flair."

"Somehow, though Scotland just never put it together."

"When I saw Hungary playing in the 1954 World Cup I was so impressed and excited by their style of play that I made up my mind to try to play a similar style of soccer."

"I love the possession game to this very day, provided that when the chances present themselves to get forward you take them."

"I once watched a couple of Brazilian league games where the teams went up, back, across and all over the place holding possession but never creating one clear-cut chance to score. That's not what the game's about. Fortunately Brazil's national side doesn't play like that. When they see a chance to go forward they pounce upon it."

"I must say though that if one good long pass can take five opposing players out of the game while maintaining

tall among the greats of Scotland

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

ball then it's better than five short passes which achieve the same result."

McKay's international career ended in 1963 and two years later he was transferred by Celtic. He had captained the club for many years but Billy McNeill took over as captain in 1965. In May of that year, after meeting and agreeing to terms with Essendon Croatia manager Frank Burin in Glasgow, McKay arrived in Australia.

He was player-coach of Croatia for a year and a half, then reverted back to being solely a player.

"There are many players who come out and pick up bad habits. They think that it's all too easy to play here. That's not the case. If you're physical condition deteriorates so does your mental approach and so does your game. I enjoyed training hard and I made sure when I came here that I wouldn't get slack in my approach to the game."

McKay stopped playing in 1968. He concentrated on his job as assistant manager with a medical supplies firm until Croatia Cincinnati contacted Essendon Croatia and wanted to buy McKay. Soccer in the States was starting to boom but Essendon Croatia asked for too much for the former Scottish international. The deal fell through. In 1972 McKay returned to Scotland.

He coached a Scottish junior team and knocked back offers to manage Highland League club Rothes and Athlone in the Irish League before deciding to return here and take over the reins at Azzuri Perth.

It was "Soccer Action" correspondent Jim Cook who wrote to McKay in Scotland telling him of Azzuri's offer.

During McKay's two years with Azzuri the club won successive championships and the Ampol Cup.

Once more Frank Burin was

on his bike pedalling west. He returned with McKay in tow.

That was halfway through the 1976 season. Essendon Croatia was languishing near the bottom of the State League when McKay came but rallied to lead them to the table.

"I had a great side in 1977."

Alan Kerr and George McMillan had virtually come across here with me from Perth and we signed John Gardiner and Tommy Cumming. Brian Davidson just turned up at training one night and asked to join in. What a find!

"We had gone 10 games without defeat before the start of the season and we were playing our last practice match against Preston Makindon. At half time our president Joe Sigur, came into the dressing room and he announced to give two new Polish players a try in the second half. Now, when I coach a side that's exactly how it is. I coach them, I pick the team."

"I told Joe that I was in charge and I'd decide what replacements were to be made at half time. Joe didn't take kindly to that and sacked me."

"It's a pity because as I said before we really had a great side. No disrespect to John Gardiner who replaced me, but Mickey Mouse could have selected the team and it still would have won."

"It's not easy to coach a good team, having a bad side is a different matter altogether. Then you've got a real challenge on your hands."

"Green Gully Ajax just had got into State League and I joined them. I signed John Cain and Steve Benic from Slavia but we were crucified by Benic breaking his leg, Willie Vassallo getting injured and the suspension of Dave Perkin. The club didn't have much money and really was battling. It also was a battle for me to travel from Blackburn to Green Gully for training. I found myself in the position of having to give the nob

McKay was chosen by the VSF to take over as state coach. He is the only state coach in Victorian football to boast a 100 percent record — one game, one victory. That was against Scottish tourist Dundee. Victoria won 2-1 with goals from Preston Makindon, midfielder Bill McClymont and an own goal by a Dundee defender.

McKay was succeeded by Len McKendry.

"McKendry wanted the job and the VSF said okay. I think the federation wanted their Director of Coaching to take over as State coach too in those days."

"Anyway Leo Anezakis at South Melbourne Hellas was in touch with me. Hellas was sitting on the bottom of the league at the time and needed to be replaced. Dave McLaren, Hellas' coach, was full-time. The rest were part-time. I hardly could believe it. Moreland couldn't possibly have been lower."

"My stay there lasted nine games before John Margaritis took over. We lost five games, drew one and won three. Honestly, the games we lost were a steal. We should have at least grabbed a point in them."

"Some people slam the supporters at Hellas but during a short spell there they didn't give me any troubles. I've got to give them credit for getting behind the players during hard times."

"The trouble though at Hellas isn't with the coach, the players or the supporters. It's the committee. They won't allow a coach to dictate terms, to settle things down among the players and to decide upon a style of play. They want immediate success. Their answer to a couple of losses is to spend \$40,000 and buy a player."

"That sort of policy hasn't brought them any success in the PSL. The committee has to learn that every side goes through bad spots. You can't panic. You've got to behind the coach and the players and give them time to work things out."

"The Moreland job came up and I took it in November of last year. Again it was a challenge because the club didn't have much money and was relying upon a lot of youngsters."

"There certainly is a fine crop of young talent at Moreland."

"We're playing well against good sides as shown by our 3-1 over Frankston Pines and our unlucky 3-2 loss to Fawkner. But we play poorly against the poorer teams. I think our attitude needs to be improved."

"What of the future? Are we likely to see Duncan McKay at the helm of a PSL or State League club soon? Or even back as State coach?"

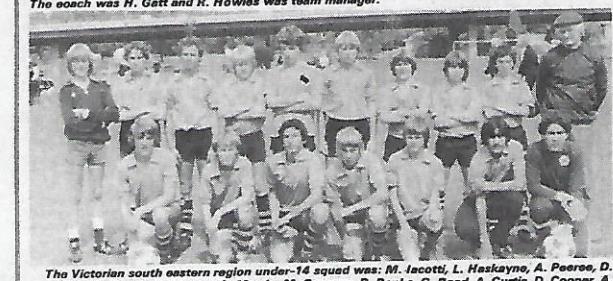
"To be honest I'd love to coach Victoria again. What coach wouldn't?"



The Victorian central region under-14 squad which fought out the regional trials earlier this year comprised C. Dyer, S. Lites, W. Mesley, R. Saccoccia, B. Theocaris, C. Dantis, N. Hawkins, J. DeLoza, K. Kotsidis, P. Lazaridis, T. Mpadines, L. Oluc, N. Kouloubas, P. Papelazarou. Coach John Dyer comes from Sandringham City.



The Victorian eastern region under-14 squad which competed in this year's regional trials consisted of R. Brien, P. Petras, A. Dunkinsop, D. Heesley, M. Howells, C. Brack, C. Nobile, R. Ichlou, C. Hawthorn, S. Basic, C. Amos, R. McDavid, K. Taliadoros, V. Howse. The coach was H. Gatt and R. Howles was team manager.



The Victorian south eastern region under-14 squad was: M. Iacott, L. Heskayne, A. Pease, D. Fairburn, M. Ovens, R. Mantel, G. Martin, M. Crean, R. Banks, G. Reed, A. Curtis, D. Cooper, A. Rau, S. Abbey, A. McCormick, A. Loucas, M. Longshaw. The coach was K. Amos.

FIVE SYDNEY CLUBS OFF TO U.S.?

The five Sydney Philips Soccer League clubs are gearing themselves for an assault on the American boom sport of indoor soccer.

Plans for an American tour in November by the clubs are being co-ordinated by John Carbray, manager of the North American Soccer League outfit, the San Jose Earthquakes.

San Jose is the home base of the former Manchester United and Irish soccer genius, George Best.

Handling affairs at the Sydney end is APIA Leichhardt.

hard secretary, Bob Powell, a personal friend of Carbray.

"Sydney City, Sydney Olympic, Marconi, St George and Leichhardt would compete at San Jose, San Francisco and across to Chicago and Toronto," Powell said.

"The tour is not yet finalised, but prospects are looking very rosy."

"The clubs will play three exhibition games each with widespread television cover."

"The party will stop over at Honolulu on the return journey for a match between Combined Sydney and an American West Coast representative team," Powell said.

With the PSL making its mark with increased attendances after five years of build-up, the matches in the United States and Canada provide an unrivalled chance to secure international recognition.

Soccer can only benefit in a year in which international matches in Australia will be conspicuous by their absence.

Powell also has his eye on the prospect of matches in Singapore on the out journey as well.

"Sydney City has missed out on a trip to Japan that had been planned for the same time," he said.

"Leichhardt we had hoped to bring the Earthquakes here in 1981, but their visit was quashed due to lack of support from Australian Soccer Federation's marketing arm."

"Now we are within a touch of finalising a tour in which all the Sydney clubs can take part."

Manly creeps closer to the top

Manly Warringah won the derby of the round inflicting only a second defeat on Riverwood this season with two goals from Terry Smith. In an exciting clash at Cromer Park, Manly played well enough throughout to down Riverwood and keep its record at home intact.

This win puts Mick Jones's side back in contention for the top spot in the league, only one point behind the leaders.

Croatia won on Saturday against Bankstown with both goals in their 2-0 win coming from Wally Savor. Croatia and Riverwood have exchanged their positions on the table with Bankstown Demons and Manly doing exactly the same just below them.

The race between these four sides has become the feature of this year's premiership with Canterbury, after their gallant 1-1 draw with Bankstown, and Sutherland, with their runaway win against JM United, still in the race.

Canterbury is on 16 points, only three from the top and Sutherland is a further two points adrift.

At the other end of the ladder, Rockdale has hit ROCK-BOTTOM after losing their sixth straight game. Defeat at the hands of Yugal at Concord Oval has sent Rockdale to the last spot on the ladder with Bankstown just above, due to superior goal difference.

Auburn celebrated its second win in a row with a 1-0 victory over Avala at Mona Park. Both Polonia featured in yet another 0-0 draw. Four times this season Polonia has managed to draw 0-0 and once 1-1 to amass eight goals after 12 rounds. In the last 270 minutes of football their players have failed to score, but their opponents did not do much better scoring only two goals during the same period.

Polonia is poison on 11 points after 12 rounds and is sitting quite happily in the middle of the table. Melita Eagles, the team moulded to challenge for the top is now on 10 points with almost no chance to reach the top four.

Canterbury 1 Blacktown 1

Scorers: R. Brown (C), Pointer (BD). **CANTERBURY:** Elzain, Karayannidis, Lavers, Lane, Titles, Agapitosopoulos (69' Theodoropoulos), Batterfield, Georgiou, Thamnides, Brown, Arnold. **JM UNITED:** James, Whastley, Rassam, Brosen, Pointer, Selvage, Quaraby (73' Plumbe), Gomez, Campbell, Johnstone, Krstic.

Canterbury Marrickville kept in touch with the leaders following a tense game which resulted in a 1-1 draw at Arlington Oval.

Blacktown Demons, playing without Harry Arnold and Peter Johnstone created more opportunities in front of goal but failed miserably with their shooting boots allowing one point to slip away.

In fact, Blacktown had one shot by Krstic brilliantly saved by Elzain in the closing stages to deny the Demons a well deserved winner, then Krstic hit the upright with seconds of the game remaining.

It was a tense end-to-end type game which produced many goalless incidents. Elzain was in great touch in goal for Canterbury making the first of many saves as early as the fifth minute from Stuart Selvage, then from Krstic in the opening minutes of this game.

At the other end, Ross Brown, once on Blacktown's books was a constant menace to his former club. His shot midway through the first half skimmed the upright with Stuart James well beaten. Blacktown replied with one great chance from Elzain in goal but from a counter attack and a cross into the Demons' penalty area, James allowed the ball to slip through his hands at the feet of Lucky Georgiou who blasted it over the bar.

Following the scoreless first half, Canterbury drew the first blood when Brown rose high to head home a delightful little chip by Arnold and send the home fans into a frenzy in the 55th minute.

55 minutes later Stuart Johnstone missed a sitter from some five metres but in the 74th minute Cliff Pointer levelled the scores. From a throw in, Clive Campbell picked up



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the ball, rounded a defender, then sent a perfect cross for Pointer to head past Elzain.

It was all Blacktown in the closing stages of the game, but alas the goal was not to be secured despite some glaring opportunities.

The two sides are separated by two points on the ladder and their encounter at Arlington Oval confirmed their good form of late with Blacktown in great form for Blacktown and Brown for Canterbury.

Manly 2 Riverwood 1

Scorers: T. Smith 2 (M), Walker (R).

MANLY: Elzain, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Geary, Hennessy, Lock, Noble, P. Falconer, T. Smith, Regan, Stuart (Van Helden '85).

RIVERWOOD: Lachowicz, Forster, Barber, D. Smith, Coates, Gandy, S. Smith, Walker, Tracey, Walker, Stoddart, Jones (Murray '70).

In an evenly contested match, Manly Warringah showed a little more enterprise in front of goal and eventually ran out winners.

The return of Terry Smith was painfully obvious to the losers as the long serving Sydney City stalwart came to the rescue with two goals.

His first came after 14 minutes of the first half following a fine run by Stuart Regan on the left flank. His cross was headed home by Smith to put Manly into the lead.

Manly increased their lead after 14 minutes of the second half. (Coincidence or Terry Smith's lucky number?). Robbie Stoddart collected a very poor clearance by Riverwood's keeper Lachowicz then rounded one defender before pushing it past the keeper for Smith to tap home Manly's second goal.

Some 10 minutes later Manly could have made it worst for Riverwood. Stuart managed to beat Riverwood's offside trap but failed to find the net when faced with Lachowicz. Only minutes later he repeated the "dose" much to the disgust of Micky Jones who then decided to put on Van Helden in place of his striker on the left flank.

Manly Warringah came back into the game scoring in the 75th minute through Walker. Parker made a good run on the right then centred for Walker to head past Ellis.

Riverwood attacked furiously in the closing stages looking for an equaliser but in the process managed to expose themselves to some fast "breaks" by Manly. In fact with only two minutes remaining Doyle missed a great opportunity to score a 30 metre goal. Faced with Lachowicz, Manly's defender shot straight at the advancing keeper.

This win by Manly puts them in third position, one point behind Croatia and Riverwood and with a great chance to do well in the second part of the State League championship. However, Smith, their goal scoring hero, is off to Spain to watch the World Cup and that is bad news for Micky Jones who does not hide his appreciation for this fine goal poacher.

Auburn 1 Avala 0

Scorers: Holloway.
AUBURN: Walker, Quigley, Potters, Prgomec, Hardwick, Ettell, O'Donnell, Dale, Turner (Pondokas 41'). **AVALA:** Abasović, Lembryk, Delar, Barton, Vujičić, Djuricic, Milne, Williams, Tilt, Patterson, Gogic (Rajkic 46').

Auburn continued its revival with a narrow win over Avala at Mona Park to lift themselves above Bankstown, Rockdale and JMU for the first time this season.

It was a spirited effort by Auburn after being on the receiving end for the better part of the first half to come back and subdue Avala during the second period before scoring that vital goal in the closing minutes of the game.

Avala had the better of the proceedings during the first 45 minutes but failed to find the way past Auburn's keeper Walker.

Auburn looked by far the better side during the second period, but alas, Alrens kept his side in the game with some fine saves, while Auburn forward did not look capable of scoring.

However, with only minutes to go, Micky Dale broke through on the right flank before crossing for Mark Holloway to head home the winning goal.

It was a fitting reward for the enthusiastic team which looked destined to relegation after a couple of weeks ago, but two sterling efforts in succession has brought the team to 11th spot on the table.

As for Avala, after beating

Manly so convincingly who would have thought that it would slip back into mediocrity?

Croatia 2 Bankstown 0

Score: Savor 2.
CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Stoyev, Vidaic, M. Kovacic, Gaman, Coyne (Tranter '70), Gandy, S. Smith.
BANKSTOWN: Patterson, Rootsey, Blackburn, O'Neill, Beck, Drain, Wilmott, Bourke, Dalton (Gilligan '70), Nocera, Campanelli.

Croatia moved to the top of the State League with an easy 2-0 win over an enthusiastic Bankstown side.

Bankstown managed to keep its favourites scoreless during the first 45 minutes with some sparkling defensive work but soon after Wally Savor put Croatia into the lead (two minutes into the second half), Croatia assumed control which it never relinquished.

The visitors could have made it easier for themselves had Peter Dalton scored after rounding the keeper in the 38th minute but he missed and the two sides went off the park at the break locked at 0-0.

Two minutes after the restart Wally Savor put Croatia ahead with a fine header, then 10 minutes later he repeated the dose to put the issue beyond doubt.

Bankstown came back into the game and fought with venom to get closer to Watson but were kept out with some fine work by Vidaic and Woods.

NEW STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 12
Yugal/Baldridge 2-1 — Benecke, Rodgers (1).
Randall 1-1
Cantabury-Bankstown 1-1 — Brown (C), Point (BD).
Croatia-Bankstown 2-0 — Savor 2.
Marconi-Avala 1-0 — Holloway.
Manly-Riverwood 2-1 — T. Smith 2 (M), Walker (R).
JMU United-Sutherland 1-5 — John (JMU).
Bank 2, Cocks, Watkins, Kawalevski, o/a.

CROATIA
Riverwood 12 3 1 2 18-5 19
Blacktown 12 3 1 2 25-15 18
Manly Warringah 12 3 2 2 24-18 18
Cantabury 12 3 2 2 24-18 18
Sutherland 12 3 2 4 22-15 14
Preliminary 12 3 3 4 8-8 11
Melita Eagles 12 3 4 5 19-10 10
Bankstown 12 3 2 6 15-23 10
Bank 2 12 3 2 7 7-7 7
Autumn 12 3 2 7 7-7 7
JMU United 12 3 1 7 14-25 7
Bankstown 12 2 2 8 16-25 6
Rockdale 12 2 2 8 16-28 6

NEXT WEEK
Saturday, 5 June:
Seymour Shaw: SUTHERLAND-MANLY
Sunday, 6 June:
Soccer Centre: BANNSTOWN-CANTERBURY

St George: ROCKDALE-CROATIA

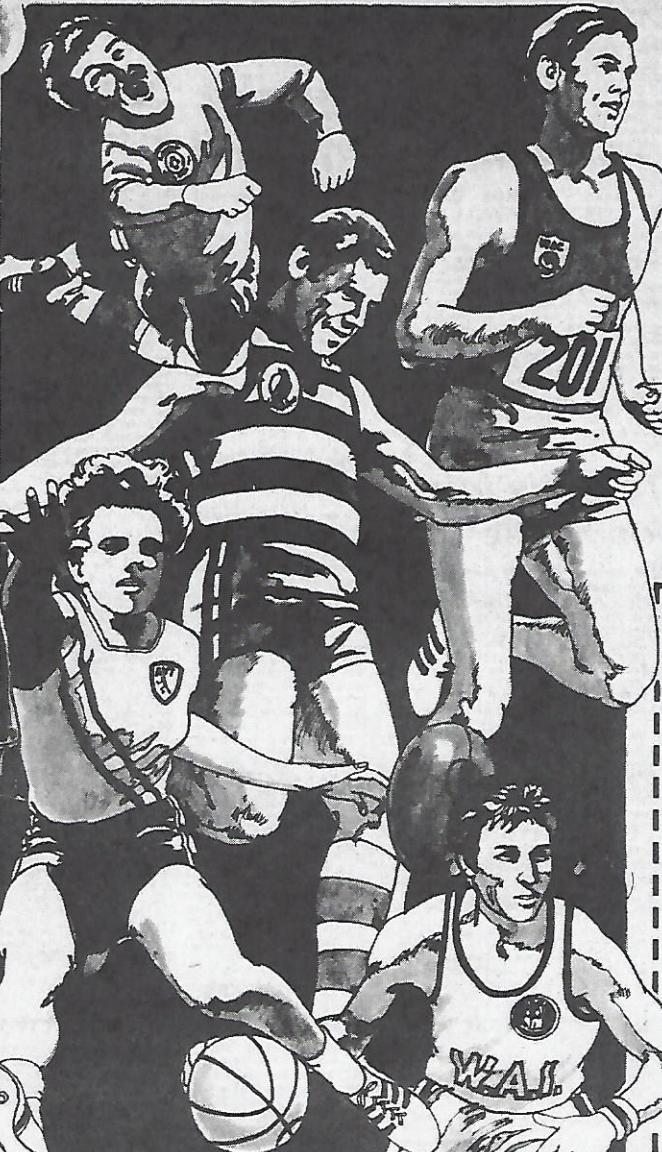
Knight Park: AVALA-YUGAL
Hurstville Oval: RIVERWOOD-AUBURN
Chapel Park: POLUNION-JM UNITED
Gobbie Stadium: BLACKTOWN-MELITA

EAGLES

TOP SCORERS

B. T. Smith (MW), T. Jones, Walker (R),
T. P. Jones (BD),
E. T. Bush (S),
S. Nocera (S), Kirwan (BD), R. Brown (CM),
Regan (MW), Sulman (BD).
4. Lembray, Karanfilovski (Av), Holloway (Ab),
Wilmott (B), Arnold (CM), Hanmer (C), Nibley (MW), Allen, Ferraro, Budini (ME), Parker (R),
Rokobora (Y).
3. John, Link (JMU), Stuart (MW), R. Williams (ME), D. Smith (P), Neales (S), Rods (R),
2. Patterson, Milne, N. Williams (Av), Johnstone (BD), Beirne, Tidmarsh, Sizer (C),
Layton (C), Haywood (JMU), Mekka (ME), Sulcuk (P), Tracy (R),
Lowe, Methuen (ME), Beggs, Croom, Watkins (S).

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AJAX 4 (Smallman 2, Paul Lewis, Cannell)
CROATIA 2 (Latif, Curcio)AJAX 7 (Denys 3 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardner 8, Cannell 7, Vassallo 6 — Bennett 7, Wallace 7, Williams 7 — G. Macleod 7, Smallman 7, Paul Lewis 7, Denys 7)
CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Elver 6, Kokoska 6, Adams 7, Parton 6 — Blaski 7, Antolovic 7, Faulkner 6 — Curcio 6, Latif 7, Murphy 7.

Dickson here soon?

NORTHCOTE 1 (Fakos) Pionia 2 (Lakic 2)

NORTHCOTE: Kardamitis 7 — Pekos 5, Botsaris 7, Proven 8 — Kotsopoulos 6 (Penalty 1), Adams 6 — Koudakis 7 (Kyriakidis 10th), Sahinidis 7, Fakos 5, Stambouli 4.

POLONIA: Ostrowski 7 — Klati 6, Mila 8, A. Czaplak 7, Pionia 6 — Lipinski 7, P. Czaplak 7, Marshall 6 — Lakic 8, Kryszinski 7, Przybyla (in Taboras 25th).

Northcote was hopeful that Scottish defender Peter Dickson would arrive this week and be available for Sunday's clash with Croatia.

The former Queen of the South player would be an invaluable acquisition to Northcote's defence.

Polonia winger Brendan Lakic grabbed two vital points for the visitors to John Cain Reserve, when he twice broke through, rounded the Northcote keeper and stroked the ball into the empty goal.

It was Peter Czaplak's through ball in the 28th minute which sent Lakic clear for Polonia's first goal and Tad Kryszinski sent Lakic through in the 70th minute for number two.

Northcote team manager Gerry Katiulis was not worried about Polonia's second goal. He claimed that Lakic was standing at least four metres offside when Kryszinski played the ball through in the second half.

Nonetheless the goal stood. With just four minutes left Con Fakos, a midfielder or defender playing in an unaccustomed striker's role, pounced during a goalmouth scrimmage and poked the ball just over the goal line.

Polonia had chances to add to the scoreline. Alex Mila and Tad Kryszinski were the offenders in the finishing department.

If VC's were awarded for valor on a soccer field then Ajax goalkeeper Lou Denys would be a hero.

Croatia should have scored in the 2nd minute. Ossie Latif was through but Denys foiled him, got injured in the process and as the game progressed his injury got worse. Denys though, stayed on and made some superb saves, half saves as Croatia pressed forward with a strong wind at its back.

Both John Gardner and Stuart Cannell carried injuries into this important clash and Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan used Willie Vassallo at left back in place of suspended David Hogan.

Most pundits were betting that Jim Williams would take Hogan's spot in defence.

Ajax had the use of the stiff breakaway and it was Croatia which had the better of the opening encounters.

Ajax though hit the front in the 30th minute. Paul Lewis tried to take on a defender by pushing the ball past him and using his speed. The ball deflected off the defender across and Croatia goal to the lurking David Smallman who tapped in at the back post.

Gardner then accepted the ball in the 40th minute and intelligently played it early for Paul Lewis near the halfway line. Lewis took off for the Croatia goal and slotted the ball past the advancing Peter Blasby.

Just two minutes before the interval Stuart Cannell rose high and headed in from Gordon Wallace's corner.

Croatia, faced with a three



Willie Vassallo

goal deficit, struck back two minutes into the second stanza.

Little Josip Biskic cut in from the left then passed to Latif who turned and sent a fierce 20 metre drive whistling past Denys.

Croatia had its tail up. It was playing very direct soccer, making sure to get the ball quickly into the Ajax area.

A low cross from the left in the 67th minute just eluded Cannell's attempt to intercept and Tony Curcio tapped in from the right.

Croatia continued to press giving Ajax hope of exploiting Paul Lewis's pace on the break.

Indeed, the elusive Lewis took a hand in Ajax's decisive fourth goal. He cut inside from the left, beat a defender then laid the ball off into Smallman's path. The former Welsh international brought the home alive with a stunning 22 metre shot which sent the ball screaming into the top corner of the Croatia goal.

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Falcon's penalty claims dismissed

GEORGE CROSS 2 (McCann, Bilusic)
MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Mitten pen.)

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 7 — Gambin (in, Pisani 10th), Lewson 6, Bilusic 6, McKinley 8 — Vella 6, Wilkinson 7 (Rigby 7th), McCann 2 (Penalty 8th), Tachris 8.

FALCONS: Whiteside 7 — Smart 7, Higham 6, Irvine 8, Neale 8 — O'Callaghan 7, Bingham 7, Daniels 6 (Lucky 70th), van Baa 7 — Mitten 6, McClune 6 (Bond 82nd).

Referee Bob Henderson awarded a penalty to Morwell Falcons in the second minute but turned down three strong appeals for penalties by Falcons later in the game.

I thought that Henderson was a bit harsh in the first instance. He ruled that Paul Gambin had deliberately brought down Noel Mitten inside the area. Mitten recovered and took the resultant penalty himself, slotting the ball into the bottom right hand corner.

The later Falcons' cries for penalties seemed justified, two for handballs and the third when Mitten was brought down inside the George Cross area.

Falcons sat back at the start of the second half and allowed George Cross to take the game to them.

It was almost inevitable that Cross would hit. It did in the 65th minute when Carl Gilder's cross from the left was glanced in to the far post by Hugh McCann's near post header.

Before that goal though Cross can consider it unlucky. It was followed by one of the best saves I've ever seen. Ray Mizzi spun and hammered the ball from just five metres but somehow Bill Whiteside reacted quickly enough to smother the ball. Tremendous reflex stuff from the Falcons keeper. Once Cross levelled Falcons got back into the game.

Richie McClune was clean through but his shot struck "Rocky" Tachris on the cheek. Mitten then followed up and his header was handled by a George Cross defender, Falcone though only won a corner from the incident.

George Cross grabbed two precious points in the 92nd minute. A cross from the right was headed in by Laurie Bilusic with Whiteside stranded about two metres off his line. Thirty seconds later the whistle blew.

— MICK O'BRIEN

Lou Tsigaris: Peter Denys (A), Josip Biskic (C), Juventus v Frankston: Tony Heery (J), Graham Tutil (F), Helas-Hakao v Albion Rovers: Lou Tsigaris (H-H), Lars Murphy (H-H), Northcote v Polonia: Bob Provan (N), Stefan Mila (P), Croydon v Ringwood: Mick Edwards, (C), Dave Gibson (R/W), Helas-Hakao goalkeeper Lou Tsigaris has joined Northcote. Both players have 15 votes. Hot on their heels is Frankston sweeper Graham Tutil, with 12 votes.

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Graham French scores a bizarre goal

JUVENTUS 3 (Zinni 2, French) FRANKSTON 0

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 — V. Bannon 7, Donaldson 7, P. Bannon 7, Hird 7 — Cunningham 6, Swanson 6 — Heany 8, French 5, Incantalo 7, Zinni 7. FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 — D. Whiteside 7 (inj.), Burrough 70th, Drinoczyk 7, Tuthill 7, Pye 6 — Ormond 7, Cooke 7, Mitchell 6, Goncalves 6 — Wall 6 (inj.), Campbell 75th, Stewart 6.

Graham French gets the credit for Juventus' second goal five minutes before half time because his body got in the way of David Pye's clearance, the ball ricocheting off French and rocketing into the back of Frankston's net.

It wasn't exactly a fitting finale to the opening 45 minutes as visitor Frankston had matched strides with its most prestigious opponent even though it had gone a goal down in the 8th minute.

Frankston lost possession on the halfway line. Juventus got forward quickly down its left side. Fabio Incantalo drove a hard, low ball across goal and Andrew Zinni, lurking at the back post sidefooted in from about five metres.

Frankston's best chance of the game fell in the 24th minute. Robbie Stewart let the ball run for Kevin Wall and took off around the outside of Vince Bannon. Wall played the ball to Stewart whose first time drive from all of 20 metres skinned the bar.

The second half was highlighted by a series of niggly incidents. David Whiteside had to be carried off after a bad tackle from behind and Kevin Wall was the end of some rough stuff dished out by the Juventus defence.

Young Zinni settled the scoring with Juve's third and his second goal in the 74th minute. Incantalo was at the back post to cross from the right back to Zinni at the opposite post. Zinni tapped it in from about four metres.

A sad feature of the afternoon was the inability of Frankston to start the reserve game with a full side. Only 10 Baysiders lined-up for the kick-off.

SEE-SAWING DERBY

CROYDON 1 (McCombe) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Carroll)

CROYDON: Edwards 9 — Brown 7, McCombe 9, Heslop 5, Hobson 7 — Carter 7, Dobson 6, Gough 6, Loughnan 7, Lie 7 — Tkachuk 7, Bakker 6. WILHELMINA: Barclay 7 — Pasman 9, Strout 8, Brooks 8, Anderson 8 — O'Riley 8, Trout 7, Gibson 8 — Hoyley 7, Carroll 7, Stewart 6.

Both sides had chances late in the game to wrap up this tough, cup-like derby but home side Croydon and visitor Wilhelmmina had to settle for a share of the spoils.

Wilhelmmina coach Mike de Bruyckere rallied Croydon's Kontra in the unavailable player stakes.

For some time now Kontra has been plagued by injuries to key players. It was de Bruyckere who was hardest hit last Sunday though.

John Luyten, Billy de Graaf, Ron Verniers and Brian Thom were all unavailable through injury.

Irvine's amazing comeback

DOVENTON 2 (Thurlow, Merrick) SUNSHINE 1 (Bain)

DOVENTON: Ivanoff 7 — Thurlow 8, Merrick 7, Carter 7, K. Middlemass 6 (inj. 70th) — McEvoy 6, Andrews 7 (inj. Waterhouse 60th), Train 7 — Spinck 6, Webster 6, Quin 7. SUNSHINE: Mellett 4 — Muzzell 5, Lowe 5, Gough 5, McMillan 6 — Taylor 4 (Bulls 77th), R. Nelson 5, McMillan 5 — Pete 5, Bain 6, D. Nelson 5 (McMillan 75th).

... may be bolstered by three players, two from overseas, within the next three weeks.

Striker Steve Irvine, whose knee was reconstructed in major surgery earlier this year, has made a most remarkable recovery. He started training two weeks ago and he could be ready to play within a fortnight.

Derek McCutcheon, a striker with Scottish club Clyde, won't be joining the Doves though. He's played an important part in Clyde's recent promotion from Division Two and the club won't release him.

Another Scot, midfielder James Dowie, is expected soon. He could be accompanied by another countryman but Doventon can't release his name yet.

The Doves kicked off with a strong wind in their favor against Sunshine on Sunday.

It was the Shiners though who rocked the home side with the opening goal.

WAS IT REALLY A GOAL?

HELLAS-HAKOAH 1 (Abram) ALBION ROVERS 0

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Tsigaris 8 — Davidson 7, Hansen 7, Kalfetidis 7, Wilson 7 — Abram 7, Owen 6, Jordon 6 (Kalentzis H.T. 7), Trifilis 7 — Cummings 6, Rooney 6 (Bazioski 75th).

ALBION: Lacock 7 — Carter 7, McMillan 6, Creany 7, Nesbit 8 — Ferrie 7, Murphy 8, Smart 6 — D'Sylva 6, S. McMillan 7, Coyle 6.

A goal which may have been a goal and the return of young midfielder Tony Owen were the major talking points after Hellas-Hakoah defeated Albion Rovers at Middle Park on Saturday.

A Peter "Pepé" Abram header a minute before the interval struck Albion keeper Danny Lacock but was booted clear by Bobby Nesbit but after consulting his linesman the referee pointed to the centre spot.

Albion's 20 travelling supporters were

... happy and with some justification too. Photographer Des Papp was at the near post and was adamant after the game that the ball wasn't even on the goal line let alone being over.

I couldn't tell from my vantage point near the halfway line.

Lou Tsigaris was great in Hellas-Hakoah's goal. Even on one leg he flung himself about bravely, time and again denying Albion an equaliser.

He did well in the 65th minute to parry then quickly recover and grab the ball after Micky D'Sylva cracked a shot from about 12 metres. A few minutes later Keiron Coyle pounced upon Duncan Cummings' bad back pass but again Tsigaris was on the spot, this time diving down at Coyle's feet to smother.

It was good to see a talented youngster like Owen back on the field. It was feared that after transferring to PSL Hellas and being unable to command a regular place that he would have to sit out the rest of the season.

Under VSF rules a player is allowed only one transference, however a clever Hellas official has got around the problem. It seems that Owen hadn't signed his transfer to Hellas. That of course means that he was an ineligible player when he lined up for Hellas against Adelaide City. Had the South Australians lost that match they could have protested against Owen and I'm told that they would have won their case.

A word about the most incredible game of football I've ever seen — the reserve match.

The score at half time was Hellas-Hakoah 5 Albion Rovers 1. The score didn't however reflect the fact that within 12 minutes of the first half four penalties were awarded, two to Hellas-Hakoah and two to Albion. Not one of them was converted!

The final score was Hellas-Hakoah 8 Albion Rovers 3. Albion scored with the last kick of the game. You guessed it. It was a penalty.



SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

Woodcock may join Petrovic



From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Liverpool which has picked up its 13th league title and its fifth since manager Bob Paisley took over from Bill Shankly, is the envy of every British team as well as many other European sides.

What makes Liverpool tick and go on to grab so many titles, win three European Cups, two F.A. Cups, two UEFA Cups and Football League Cups? Answer according to Paisley is simplicity both on and off the field — no complicated jargon on the playing side or in the administration of this great club.

This season's title win has been perhaps the hardest of all their successes. Paisley who is fast becoming a legend like his predecessor Shankly, has quietly brought his team from well behind in a season of transition where he has been compelled to introduce five players to put them back on top.

Few if any players quit Liverpool unless they are getting "over the hill" and well in advance. Paisley again quietly but ruthlessly shows his sound judgement in earmarking and acquiring suitable replacements without any fuss or astronomical outlay.

For Liverpool their re-entry to the European Cup next year will send a few shivers down the spines of other qualifiers. For Bob Paisley, with his old cloth cap and Geordie-land accent, who has been with the club since 1939 when he signed from Bishop Auckland, the 1982-83 season may be his last. He will be 64.

Arsenal, who have Yugoslavia and Red Star Belgrade skipper Vladimir Petrovic all lined up to join that at Highbury after the World Cup, are almost certain to sign Tony Woodcock, the former Nottingham Forest striker now with Cologne and

in England's 40 man squad for Spain. Petrovic was recently voted Footballer of the Year by both the Yugoslav sportswriters and his fellow professionals while Woodcock is also wanted by Real Madrid but seems set to choose England.

The tightest market in world soccer. That's the tag according to Lothar Matthäus, the 21-year-old mid-fielder of Bayern Munich, the man who kept both Maradona and Zico in check in West Germany's short tour of South America.

Cesar Menotti, the Argentinian manager, expresses concern that the European nations might resort to violent conduct in the World Cup in their efforts to clinch the trophy.

Alexander Chivadze, the USSR captain, reckons Brazil will win the World Cup or Argentina or West Germany. Chivadze who plays for Dynamo Tbilisi has played more than 20 times for the Soviet Union.

Dino Zoff, the Juventus goalkeeper, has played 533 first division matches in Italian soccer but has a bit to go yet to beat the record of Silvano Piozzi who played 568 games for Bologna in the 30's and was a member of Italy's 1938 World Cup side. Zoff, now 40, has signed a contract to continue with Juventus next season.

Spurs and Argentinian star Ossie Ardiles was grief stricken after hearing the news that his cousin Jose, an air force pilot, had been killed after being shot down in dog fights with British Sea Harriers. The two were very close.

Clemence keeps QPR at bay

From JEREMY POLLOCK

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 1 (Hoddle pen)
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS 0. English F.A.
Cup Final at Wembley Stadium, London.
MATCH RATING: 6. Referee: Clive White

TOTTENHAM: Clemence 8 — Perryman 8, Price 6, Miller 8, Hughton 7 — Hoddle 6, Roberts 8, Hazel 5 (Brooke 67th) — Archibald 7, Crooks 7, Galvin 6.

QPR: Hucker 8 — Neil 7, Fanwick 8, Hazel 8, Gillard 7 — Mickelwhite 8 (Bourke 83rd), Currie 8, Gregory 7, Waddock 8 — Flanagan 5, Stainrod 8.

It took a jinking run la Ricarda Villa by the Argentinian's replacement in midfield, rugged Graham Roberts, to split these London spartans who, sadly, never came within cooee of emulating the thrills and spills of last year's final.

Roberts was taken down inside the QPR area by mid-field maestro Tony Currie and Glen Hoddle's sixth minute penalty turned out to be the only goal.

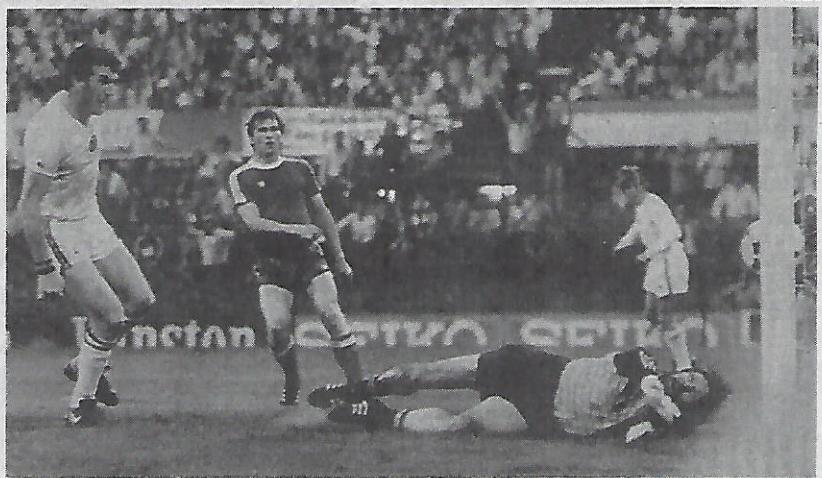
As expected, Spurs won the cup. Not before Second Division for QPR forced us all to remember what made Ray Clemence number one choice in England's goal for such a long time.

This really was the final of the keepers. In the first match young Peter Hucker made some breathtaking stops from Scottish striker Steve Archibald. The replay was the turn of Clemence in

Sports' goal to hold a rampaging QPR at bay in the second half.

Referee Clive White did so very well. The minute he signalled for time all the talk in the press box centred upon QPR's two vain appeals for penalties and John Gregory's inspired first time lob which cannoned off the Spurs' bar.

In the excitement no-one stopped to mention Archibald's last minute shot when clean through which hit off the near post. Perhaps that's just as well. A 2-0 scoreline would have flattered Spurs in the extreme.



Peter Withe (left) scores Aston Villa's winning goal against Bayern goalkeeper Manfred Mueller. Bayern's Klaus Augenthaler gets back too late, and the man who set it up, Tony Morley, is in the background.

Morley and Cowans give Villa the Cup

From DICK BAER
in Rotterdam

ASTON VILLA 1 (Withe 68th) BAYERN MUENCHEN 0. European Champion's Cup Final in Rotterdam. Referee Georges Konrath (France) 9.

ASTON VILLA: Rimmer (injured 10th min. sub Spink 7) — Swain 7, McNaught 8, Evans 8, Williams 7 — Brammer 7, Mortimer 6, Cowans 8, Morley 9 — Shaw 6, Withe 7.

BAYERN MUENCHEN: Mueller 6 — Dremmler 6, Weiner 7, Augenthaler 9, Horsman 7 — Mathieu 6 (Guettler 7, 58th), Duernberger 8, Breitner 7, Kraus 7 (Niedermeier 80th) — Rummennigge 8, Hoeness 6.

Rummennigge had missed his chances, Breitner had been unable to stamp his usual authority on the game, McNaught and Evans had been unrelenting at the rear and now, with just over 20 minutes to play, we knew that one mistake or one flash of brilliance would win this European Cup final.

What we got was a combination of the two.

Wolfgang Dremmler, the Bayern right back, had been given a hard enough time by Tony Morley who had been hugging the line, giving Aston Villa the type of depth Bayern was able to achieve only after the appearance of Guettler as a substitute. Now Dremmler faced not Morley, but the midfielders, Gordon Cowans.

Cowans went this way, then that, leaving Dremmler in his wake. Morley, abandoned by Dremmler who was caught between two men, was waiting for Cowans' pass and hoisted the weight of the world — or at least England — onto his shoulders when he got it.

Hans Weiner, the centre back, alone now with hen-chicken Augenthaler nowhere in sight, was left for the final showdown. If he lost it, his only hope was that goalkeeper Mueller would cut out the square ball, as Morley was at a tight angle, coming in. Just as Cowans had done to Dremmler, so Morley did to Weiner, twisting him out of commission to get a clear look at the goal. Peter Withe was coming in alone, and joy of joys, Mueller was not at the near post.

Morley did what he had to. His pass found Withe but he, for a split second, balanced on the razor's edge between glory and disgrace. The unchallenged first-time shot which should have ripped the net, hit the post instead. It bounced in, though, and Aston Villa had hit the lead.

Few at the stadium, partly empty because the game was televised live, had expected this.

Bayern has a much more awesome reputation on the continent than Aston Villa has even after this win.

Having won the Cup three times, Bayern appeared to have the talent to do so again, despite the dominance of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest in this competition since 1977.

Bayern's early attacks reinforced that view in all but the enthusiastic Aston Villa supporters who had swarmed menacingly across the Channel.

And when goalkeeper Jimmy Rimmer had to come off after 10 minutes due to a neck injury, all seemed in readiness for Rummennigge —1 and Hoeness to win this thing, to get it over and done with.

Rummennigge certainly gave Villa's defence a few close shaves. So close did he come to scoring — not once, but twice — in the first half, that McNaught and especially Evans, had to strengthen their resolve. In that regard, perhaps Rummennigge's early flashes worked against him in the long run, for Evans clung to him like a leech in the second half.

As had been expected, Bayern set the rhythm of the game after half time. Augenthaler exploded through the middle like some Sampson, Duernberger was busy and cagey in midfield and Udo Horsmann came up the left as often as he could.

Sure, Cowans and Morley were over active as well, and Williams was doing his bit on the left, just like Horsmann was, but Aston Villa's flurries were erratic. It had to be that way, because it is the philosophy of Bayern not to part with possession if it possibly can help it.

In the end however, Bayern fell victim of its own tried-and-true success formula. This time however, the reliance on the long ball to Rummennigge, indeed every ball to Rummennigge, was not sufficient to win the final.

Soviets have the numbers

The World Cup always produces several eye-opening facts. Here's one. Did you know that there are almost as many registered footballers in Russia as there are people in Scotland? It's true.

Russia has 4,505,000 players out of a population of 255,524,000. Scotland's 109,000 players come from a 5,206,200 population.

Despite Brazil having a massive population of 110,000,000, they have only 112,756 registered players. And that's not too many more than Scotland.

New Zealand come bottom of this particular qualifying section with a population of 2,786,123 and 41,698 players.

DARING!

Spain's national team manager Pepe Santamaría must be praying that goalkeeper Luis Arconada isn't injured before or during the World Cup. His backup keeper, José Manuel Sempere, has been dropped by Valencia after a few questionable performances. And the number three keeper, Javier Uruticeta, hasn't been able to make the Barcelona first team all season!

Bayern too reliant on Rummennigge

Kipiani quits

David Kipiani, who played a key role in Dynamo Tbilisi's 1981 European Cup Winners' Cup victory, has retired.

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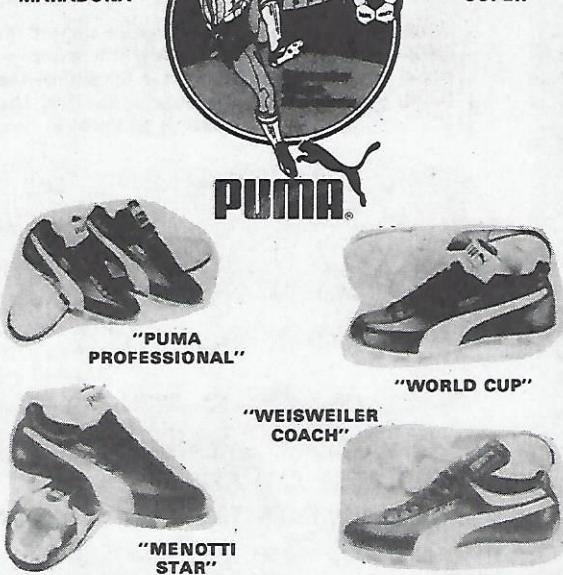
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ΚΑΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ Ι ΔΟΣΕΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ 4

Μέσα σε φιλικά και διλητικά πλαίσια ή κλαρίντα και ή Δέξια Γιάρραβι πάλαι φαν για την νίκη πού τελικά την πήρε οικανά πρωτόδρος το πρωταθλήματος.

Ο άγνωνας ήταν πολύ καλός και πλούσιος σε τέρματα.

Η Δέξια στο Ι' λεπτό έχασε οικανιά με τόν Πετρόλη και ή γηρεδόνος κλαρίντα στο δέκανος το σκόρο με τόν Σέμπερ πού άποκοντά με δύναστο σούτ δέν άρρες περιθώριο στόν γηρεδόνερ τής Δέξιας.

Στην συνέχεια ή Δέξια έφασε πολλές φορές κοντά στο γηράδα άλλα ή τρομερή δύστοχία τών κυνηγών της και ή βιασύνη τους είχαν σαν αποτέλεσμα νά χάνουν στο Α' μέρος με Ι-Ο.

Στην έπαναληφθη και μέ την είσοδο τού Καλιπολίτη στο κέντρο ή Δέξια άλλαξε δρόμο και έχασε τρεις καλές οικανιάς τε λικανίδης τόν δρόμο για τα δίκτυα τού πολύ καλού Καστην ή Πετρόλης πού άποκοντά στο 54' το Ι-Ι.

Στο 57' πάνερχός τραφατισμένος δ Τερζάκης και στο 60' δ Μελέτης με καρφωτή κε φαλιά έργαλε την Δέξια μπροστά στο σκόρο με 2-1.

Η συνέχεια μετά ήταν ενθελή για την μετέπειτα υικήτρια πού στο 71' πάνι δ Μελέτης άποκοντά άνεβασε το σκόρο στο 3-1 Παίκτες καλό ποδόσφαιρο ή Δέξια με άποθετηση την ήταν κοντά στο γηράδα άλλα δ Μαρκηνής δύο φορές συντάρε βεβιασμένα Στο 78' δ Πετρόλης με τρομερό σούτ άποκοντά περιοχή έναλεισε τό σκόρο με 4-1.

Από την υικήτρια την άνεβηκε πολύ στο Β' μέρος, την καλύτερη άποδοση είχε δ Τόνης Αμανατίδης. Τόνης άνοιξε θηράματα στο Πετρόλης, Μελέτης (Β' μέρος), Τ.Παπαχριστοδούλου, Καλιπολίτης ένα καλές έντυπούσιες διασε σε δ Χρήστος Παπαχριστοδούλου.

Μέ την δέρα δέν άγωνιστηκαν οι Χύτας και Παπατζής οι διποιοι τιμωρήθηκαν άπο το Δ. Συμβολίου δ πρότος με μία άγωνιστι και και δ δεύτερος με 3 άγωνιστηκες και έρχηται προστίμο.

Η κλαρίντα στάθηκε καλέ δύο ήταν μπροστά στο σκόρο ένων έκτος άπο την έπιτυχία τού τέρματος, ήταν μετρημένες οι φορές πού άπειλησε την έστια τού Αποστολίδη. Καλύτερος παίκτης της δ δυναμόσιος Τοπικήδης και τένη δικολούθησε δ Καστην πού είχε καλές αποκρίσεις και έσωσε τουλάχιστο 3 σίγουρα τέρματα.

Το δ. Συμβολίου της Δέξιας, οι παίκτες και δ προπονητής εγχαριστούσαν τόν παράγοντες της κλαρίντας για την φιλοξενία πού τούς έδειξαν.

Οι συνέδεσις: ΚΑΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ: Καστην, Πολύζος, Α. Γκαμπαρντίνας, Καλέντα, (Μ. Καμπαρντίνας Τασόπουλος, Τοπαλίδης, Α. και Χ. Χαραλάμπους, Σελήνης (Καδές) Κοζιάρης και έσμερη στον Α.Παποστολίδης, Κ. Παπαχριστοδούλου Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Τ. Αμανατίδης, Τερζάκης (57 Ε. Αμανατίδης) Δημητρίου (ΙΓ Καλιπολίτης) Νικολαΐδης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Μαρκήνης, Ν. Μελέτης και Πετρόλης.

ΤΟ ΜΑΙΑΒΕΡ ΠΗΡΕ ΦΟΡΑ: ΝΕΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΕΠΙ ΤΟΥ ΣΕΝΤΡΑΛ ΣΤΙΓ ΜΕ 2-1

Πολύ καλό το Μαϊβέρ Σίτι, οικήσε διάλιτα έπτος δέρα δέν έπιτυχε την νίκη κάνοντας τό 2-0.

Το Σεντράλ Σίτι μείωσε τό σκόρο στο 87' σε 2-1 πού ήταν και τελικό άποτέλεσμα. Καλύτερος παίκτης άπο την υικήτρια ήταν οι Σαματζής, Ζέρσος, Ν. Παλαμάρας και οι σύδερης.

Έπαιξαν οι Μακέν, Λιαράκης, Παπαδόπουλος Σαματζής, Πετρόπουλος, Τσώνης, Β. Παλαμάρας Ν. Παλαμάρας, Ζέρσος (72' Ρούμπος) Γεωργιαδης, Λιδάρης (72' Εικαμάγιας).

Η Β' δέρα δέν έπιτυχε 2-0 άπο την άντεστοική τού Σεντραλ Σίτι.

ΚΙ' ΆΛΛΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΑΗ ΣΤΙΓ-ΤΑΡΑΧ

Μεγάλη νίκη πέτυχε για τό ιδρυτικό το ΟΚΑΗ ΣΤΙΓ ΤΑΡΑΧ έπι τού Ιλινδίς με 5-4 στο πεναλτύ. REF: P. FOWLER IO

Ο κανονικός άγωνας έληξε ισόπολος Ι-Ι και παρά την πράσπαση τό σκόρο δέν άλλαξε Από την δρέσα ξεχώρισαν οι Αλεξανδρόπουλος και Μήλος.

Ας σημειωθεί διτι δ γηροκάπηρ Άλεξανδρόπουλος άπειρουσε και πέναλτη.

Όσοι Ελλήνες παίκτες έντιαφέρουν να παίζουν με την άνδα τού ΟΚΑΗ ΣΤΙΓ να τηλεφεύσουν στόν άλλητοιογράφο της Ν. Πατρίδας στο 329 8944.

ΒΑΡΕΙΑ ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΟΚΑΗ

Κένοντας την κειρότερη τού έμφαντον τού θέλη στην φετινή σαιρίν, έχασε διάλιτα άπο το Ισχυρό Νορθ Τζελάνγκ 3-0.

Παρά την ήτας του τού θέλη παραμένει στην Ι. Θέση τού βαθμολογικού πίνακα. Το Νόρθ Τζελάνγκ πέτυχε στο Α' μέρος το πρότο τέρμα τού με πέναλτη και στην έπια ουλήφη έπιτυχε τό 2-0.

Η Ελληνική δέρα δέν έπιτυχε πέναλτη πού πού πέτυχε στην Πεντής λόγω.

Από την δέρα δέν έπιτυχε πέναλτη πού πού πέτυχε στην Πεντής λόγω.

Έπιτυχαν οι Πέτρου, Λουκάς, Πεχλιβανίδης, Κρηπάρης, Μπατικινόττο, (46' Παπατούλας) Κα μπολάκης, Νταντάλιας, Κοντοντόβας (70' Κιλικίας) Τατιάνος, Απετζής και Στεργίου.

Η Β' δέρα δέν έπιτυχε πέναλτη πού πού πέτυχε στην Πεντής λόγω.

Θερμός συλτανήτης άπειρυνον τού Δ. Συμβολίου πού πέτυχε στην Πεντής λόγω.

Επιτυχεί τού θέλη και οι συμπαίκτες του στην Παύλο Πεχλιβανίδη για την θάνατο της γιαγιά του.

ΠΟΛΛΑ ΓΚΟΑ ΓΕΙΑΙ ΚΑΙ ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΑ
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Τελική δ πολυσυστημένος άγωνας μεταξύ των Δημοσιογράφων και των Καλλιτεχνών πού έγινε στο παίκτεια τού Έλληνικού σε στιβαλ 1982 και πρό τού δημόνα της ΕΛΛΑΣ με το ΣΥΔΝΕΥ ΟΛΥΜΠΙΚΟ Στο Μίντη Πάρι σπινέλωτε μεγάλη έπιτυχία και οι φίλαθλοι ξέρησαν γιαδ, τέχνη... φάσεις και γέλασην με την καρδιά τους.

Το άποτέλεσμα θεωρείται διάλιτο και πού ήταν 6-4 έπει των δημοσιογράφων.

Ας σημειωθεί διτι την δέρα δέν έπιτυχε πέναλτη διασημόσυνος πού πού πέτυχε στην Εφημερίδων "Η. Πατρίδα" και "Παν. Κήρυκας" και θέλησαν καθώς και δ. Κ. Γιάννης Σπλαχνούς.

Στο Α' μέρος οι καλλιτέχνεις προηγήθηκαν με δύο θυμαράτια τέρματα κατό άποτέλεσμα στα 2-1.

Στην έπαναληφθη δέρα δέν έπιτυχε πέναλτη πού πού πέτυχε στην Πεντής λόγω.

Το γκρο πέτυχε για την δημοσιογράφους οι Γιάννης Σπλαχνούς 3, Ζ. Παποστολίδης, Κ. Καραγιάνης και Μάνος Μήλος (πέναλτη).

Άπο τούς καλλιτέχνεις περιέφερε άποτέλεσμα είχε δ τερματοφύλακας έπικης Δραγώνας.

Έπιτυχαν για την δημοσιογράφους οι Γ. Παποστολίδης, Κ. Καλάνης, Χ. Μοντέζ, Αθανασόπουλος, Βέθης, Γ. Μαλλιαρός, Γιάννης Σπλαχνούς, Θρίσος Σπλαχνούς, Κατηφόρος, Μήλος, Δαζάρης δης, Καραγιάνης και Χατζημανώλης.

ΜΕ τούς ήθηποιούς έπιτυχε οι Δραγώνας, Χρυσούλης, Συκαλιδές, Λέρας, Μωζαΐδης, Μάνης, Πρατέρης, Ζαργαρίτης, Σαρκάδας, Αθανασίου, Μπαμπανιώτης, Μουρκάνης και Κ. Πράταρης. Διειστήτης ήταν δ Ρένα Φραγκιλιουδάκη και δ Ηλίας Ντανούδης. Με έπιτυχα είχε άλλο θετήσει ή Βανική Τράπεζα της Ελλάδας τά πέπεινεις δ. Κ. Μιχάλης "Αρσενικός".

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The second winner for 1982 is Mark Reeves (left) another 13-year-old. Mark plays with Seaford and has made over 150 junior appearances for the club. His favorite position is centre forward.

Is Fabio Angele the man for McKendry?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The player that Heidelberg Alexander needs to bolster the depth of its first team squad could be right under its very nose.

Fabio Angele, an 18 year old midfielder or stopper in his third season with Heidelberg, recently returned from a six month training stint in Italy and Brazil.

The former Victorian under-15 and under-16 representative had arranged to go to Italian Second Division club Lazio to improve his skills.

Angele, a physical education student at Preston Institute, met the Brazilian youth squad during last October's World Youth Cup. The Brazilians trained at the institute and young Angele joined in the sessions.

Brazilian team doctor Arnaudo Santhiago Lopes was very impressed with the local lad and arranged for Angele to train with Brazilian First giant Fluminense.

However, Italy was the first stop on his overseas agenda.

He left Australia last November and joined Lazio.

Angele played two friendly games with Lazio at its training ground, Flaminio Stadium, nicknamed "the little Maracana". The huge stadium was built by Mussolini and Lazio is trying to make the Flaminio

junior of Lecce, a Second Division club. Like Fabio, Joseph Angele had a high opinion of breaking into State League or PSL ranks when he came back from Italy.

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"Three years ago Joseph Angele, who played in the Victorian youth team which won the national title in 1979, went to Italy and trained with Third Division Squinzano and the

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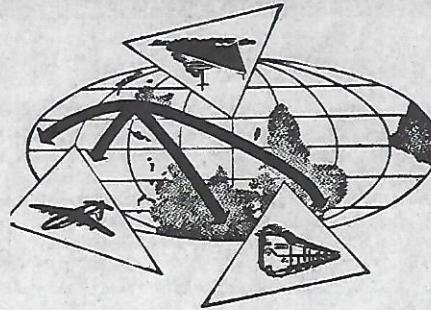
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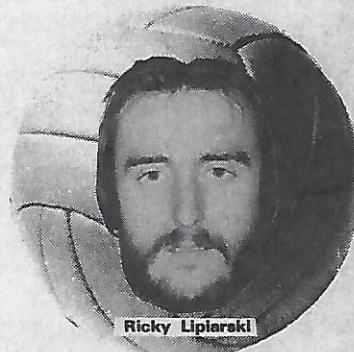
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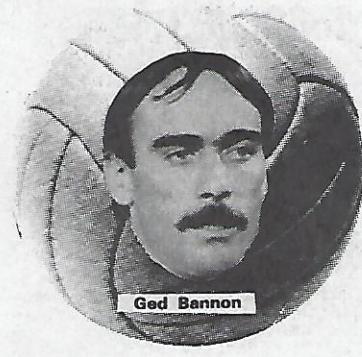
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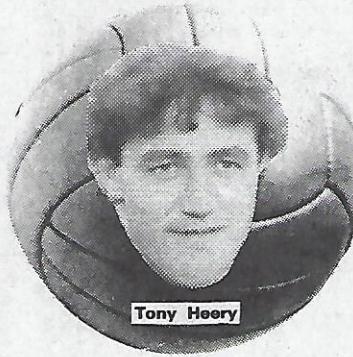
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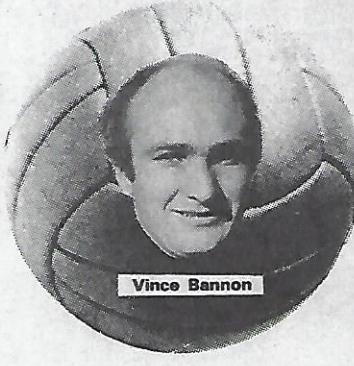
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